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The City Council of the City of Gardner, Kansas met in regular session on April 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Gardner City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Gardner, Kansas, with the Mayor Steve Shute presiding. Present were Councilmembers Todd Winters, Rich Melton, Mark Baldwin, Randy Gregorcyk and Tory Roberts. City staff present were City Administrator James Pruetting; Business & Economic Development Director Larry Powell; Police Chief James Belcher; Utilities Director Gonzalo Garcia; Public Works Director Michael Kramer; Finance Director Matthew Wolff; Parks and Recreation Director Jason Bruce; City Attorney Ryan Denk; and City Clerk Sharon Rose. Others present included those listed on the attached sign-in sheet and others who did not sign in.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of Councilmembers present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Shute at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shute led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month

Mayor Shute read into record a proclamation that the month of April 2020 be known as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the City of Gardner, Kansas

2. 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program

Finance Director Matt Wolff presented the CIP schedule and provided a CIP overview. The CIP identifies needs, determines costs, prioritizes capital requests, and develops financing strategies. Finance looks at different financing types; some projects they use cash, which has an immediate impact to the budget, but it will impact the budget in out years when they have annual debt service. It's important to tie the term of the debt to the useful life of the asset. Capital budget stands for what the city has funding authority to do. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a 5-year plan; Capital Improvement Element (CIE) is 20-year. Wolff displayed the next 5 years of CIP, stating they try to keep it even throughout most years. About 50% of the CIP projects are utilities projects with dedicated revenue sources. Public Works makes up about 46%, but the illustration shows total projects costs, they leverage grants to help carry those projects. It's important that the CIP conform to the comprehensive plan. They do this by looking at goals stated in the comprehensive plan, then align projects underneath these goals. Dependable public services and facilities include an airport terminal and FBO hangar, a new line maintenance building, WWTP advanced nutrient removal – this project will only be done if mandated, because the cost is \$5.8 million. Councilmember Winters asked if that will be a high probability. Utilities Director Garcia said the city is within the limit for nutrients under the current permit for Kill Creek. There is talk about lowering the limits, and that would require additional processes or chemicals to be within the new compliance. The permit is up at the end of next year, and they'll know then if this project is needed. Director Wolff continued, stating that every 5-year CIP has several utility projects that are classified as maintenance facilities or system redundancy and can be found in the packet. The next goal is to maintain safe and efficient transportation networks. This 5-year plan includes signalization at Moonlight and Madison if traffic warrants are met, reconstruction of Waverly from 175th to Madison, rehabilitation of Moonlight Road from I-35 to Buffalo Trail, Main Street rehabilitation from Sycamore to Moonlight (leveraging approximately \$2 million in KDOT funding), Center Street rehabilitation from Main Street to 167th, Center Street sidewalk improvements, and proposed land acquisition for the airport's runway protection zone. 183rd rehab from Center to the west and 167th from Center to Moonlight are both scheduled out in 2024. Balancing the park system that supports connectivity includes trail resurfacing along the S. Center St bicycle and pedestrian path. They plan to use funds from the infrastructure special sales tax. To support growth, they have the design work underway for the Gardner Road and I-35 interchange with construction expected to start this year, Cedar Niles to Clare Road overhead power line, Prairie Trace three-phase underground power line to extend electric service to the new Grata

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project, Gardner Road bridge over I-35 (costing approx. \$10 million and leverage approx. \$6 million in KDOT funding), design work for the new water transmission line and new intake structure for Hillsdale Lake. Director Wolff continued, sharing that there are eight requests from departments with the year of requested project for which there is no funding available, given the local match portion. They may have grant funding available, but the city cannot afford the local match for these. Director Wolff showed more detail into CIP funding. The special highway fund cannot support any additional projects, even if it's the local match portion. For projects they are issuing debt for, like Gardner Road bridge or interchange projects, the funding won't likely be available in the near future. Staff has been building street excise tax revenues in the street improvement fund and have approximately \$1.5 million. Public Works is evaluating the best way to leverage these funds to bring in grant money to fund one or two of the unfunded street projects. Senior Municipal Advisor Bruce Kimmel gave a presentation last month on fiscal capacity. He showed that the city has \$10 million in debt capacity on bond and interest. He based this on issuing general obligation debt with a 20-year term. If they issue debt on 10-15 year terms, they will have less debt capacity. Wolff said they debt capacity is there, but he urges extreme caution when considering the utilization of it. They face uncertain economic conditions; it may be prudent to keep the debt capacity in case of emergency or to take advantage of an economic development opportunity. That is a policy decision.

Mayor Shute clarified the Gardner Road bridge over I-35, the 2022 project, that's not the east span. The first span should be matched with state funding, and this is the 2nd span needed to get the diverging diamond. Wolff reviewed. Shute found the project details, stating this is the 2nd phase of improvements, and is the full replacement for diverging diamond. They don't have matching funds from KDOT, is that the reason it's \$9 million. Wolff said they have \$6 million from KDOT. Shute said they are waiting on 2nd span. Wolff said they need local match from the city, so they won't get more than \$6 million for the project. They are looking to see if they can combine CARS and KDOT money on the same project. Shute said they may leverage MARC money as well. Wolff said any additional grant fund would be appreciated. Unfunded projects are important. They are identified by staff and need to be done. They continue to look for funding each year.

Councilmember Baldwin said the \$310,000 for 167th, from Center to Moonlight, that's reconstruction. That will leave it as a two-lane road, and not expanding? Projected out at 2024. Director Wolff said this is base repairs and resurfacing. Baldwin said in a few years it could be more expensive, and would be good to have another significant thoroughfare. Mayor Shute noted it's \$1 million a lane-mile, so expanding to 4 lanes would be \$4 million.

Councilmember Gregorcyk asked about the parking lot reconstruction at Celebration Park, they didn't encumber maintenance funds for this? Director Wolff said they haven't encumbered funds for any parking lots. They looked at something similar to sidewalk program, other aspects of pavement management. Mayor Shute said the plan was to add city parking lots, city property, into the pavement management program. Gregorcyk said it's a heavy-use parking lot with severe damage, is staff taking this downtime to make repairs? City Administrator Pruetting said Parks and Public Works are discussing. Wolff said redoing the entire parking lot is \$1 million. Public Works is seeing if they can take out the bad sections and fixing them at a lower cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Consider holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments to a request for a Waiver of the Distance Limitation to allow for the sale and consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages for consumption within 200 feet of a school, church or library during the Gardner Spring Derby at the Johnson County Fairgrounds**

Councilmember Melton made a motion to open a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments to a request for a Waiver of the Distance Limitation to allow for the sale and consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages for consumption within 200 feet of a school, church or library during the Gardner Spring Derby at the Johnson County Fairgrounds

Councilmember Baldwin Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

No members of the public came forward.

Councilmember Melton made a motion to close the public hearing.

Councilmember Baldwin Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Kreller, 18413 Sycamore Ct - Thank you for taking the huge step of helping all of the citizens of Gardner with your recent action to cancel the payment of the month's electric bill for all of us. I commend your willingness to recognize the difficult circumstances that many citizens are in with the layoffs, and business decline, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Again thank you for taking the immediate needs of our citizens to heart and providing us some relief. I would like to thank each of you in person, but we are staying at home until the pandemic eases.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Standing approval of the minutes as written for the regular meeting on March 16, 2020.
2. Standing approval of the minutes as written for the special meeting on March 30, 2020.
3. Standing approval of City expenditures prepared March 12, 2020 in the amount of \$921,065.87; and March 18, 2020 in the amount of \$111,296.56; and March 20, 2020 in the amount of \$1,317,926.28; and March 23, 2020 in the amount of \$17,904.00; and March 27, 2020 in the amount of \$435,875.56.
4. Consider authorizing the purchase of a replacement K9 Bite Suit
5. Consider approving the issuance of a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license for the remainder of calendar year 2020
6. Consider authorizing the payments of the amounts for acquisition by condemnation of real property interest in fee simple, permanent utility easement, and temporary construction easement
7. Consider a recommendation to approve the sale of capacity to Dogwood Energy Facility
8. Consider authorizing the purchase of a new track-loader for the Water Resource Recovery Facility
9. Consider authorizing the Vacation and Release of a Sanitary Sewer Easement in Willow Brooke Estates VI

Councilmember Melton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Gregorcyk Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Consider a request for a Waiver of the Distance Limitation and a General Retailer Special Event temporary permit to allow for the sale and consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages within 200 feet of a school, church or library during the Gardner Spring Derby at the Johnson County Fairgrounds

City Clerk Sharon Rose said this is a housekeeping item in relation to the public hearing held earlier. It is a request to offer beer sales during the Gardner Spring Derby, should it be held, on May 9.

Councilmember Winters said this is new at the fairgrounds. Is this something that may come up more than once, and should they look at granting the waiver for a year a time or in general? Mayor Shute asked City Attorney Denk if they can do that or if they have to handle it on a special event purpose? Denk believes they can, like they did for Tumbleweed last fall, they granted it for the business life and not just for a week. That is within council discretion. Shute asked if it would be for the Fair Association or the Event Manager. Denk will revisit code. For events like this, it's in favor of the event sponsor or caterer because the city requires proof of insurance. City Clerk Rose said the city does a background check on the applicant. Winters said each event would go through the permitting process, but it may be easier to give the authority to the city clerk. They can wait and see if they get more waiver requests. Shute said individual waivers have to come before the governing body to approve on an individual basis, correct? Denk said they approve the site, and as part of the approval, the city requires the permitting process. The fairgrounds would rent to a third party, and they need a process to make sure that third party was being checked. Shute said if the fairgrounds had a blanket waiver of distance limitation, they would assume responsibility for the consumption. Denk said the city doesn't have liability. The city needs the background checks, the distance limitation is statutory, the city has additional measures to ensure protections are in place. Councilmember Baldwin wants to see how it goes, but likes the idea, if it's something they will approve multiple times, make it a blanket approval for a year. Denk said they could craft an approval in favor of the fairgrounds, contingent upon anyone they brought, where they wouldn't have to come back before the governing body every time, it could be administrative, and they follow the permitting process, and if the city clerk approved it would be sufficient. Denk shared that in another city, the governing body didn't want every CMB license coming before them, they had an administrative process, and only in the event of a denial would it come before the governing body. Shute said the concern with the Fair Association is they cannot serve alcohol on premises without coming to the governing body each time for a waiver of distance limitation. Winters said he experienced that working on the FOTT, each year they had to bring it before the governing body. If it's they will be asked to approve frequently, they can give the authority to the City Clerk. Rose said the Fair Association may be coming later this summer to request a CMB license for the fair. They haven't done it yet, but indicated they are interested. Denk said he can circulate the ordinance for the other city that granted administrative approval to the City Clerk, and they can review it.

Councilmember Melton said it will be telling how it goes with the Sheriff Dept, etc, whether they continue. This is the first year. There's been concern in the past that there are people who come to the event having already been drinking.

Councilmember Melton made a motion to approve a request for a Waiver of the Distance Limitation and a General Retailer Special Event permit to allow for the sale and consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages within 200 feet of a school, church or library during the Gardner Spring Derby at the Johnson County Fairgrounds

Councilmember Baldwin Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

2. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the public sale of approximately \$29,150,000 of principal amount of General Obligation Bonds

Finance Director Matt Wolff said the city is scheduled to sell approximately \$29,150,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds on May 4, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. The attached bond sale documents prepared by Municipal Advisor Kimmel include the estimated costs of issuance and debt service schedules for water treatment plant expansion

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and the smart meters project. Council will note that the term of the bonds/repayment period for water treatment plant expansion is 20 years and the term for the smart meters project is 10 years. The proposed resolution authorizes all preparations to facilitate sale of the bonds. Bond Counsel Ellsworth and Municipal Advisor Kimmel are on the phone to answer any questions.

Councilmember Melton asked what kind of rates they are looking at, with everything going on? Kimmel said there have been periods of volatility, followed by periods where the rates go up or down with velocity they haven't seen in quite some time. Rates are holding fairly stable, the rates in the packet are pretty close to where the market has been. There is a 25 basis point cushion. Checking other bond sales that happened today, the interest rates are 25-35 basis points better than what they have. In case the market goes haywire again leading up to the May sale, they have alternative ways of backing the capital for the city. There are strong options. Plan A is to access the public market, as in the past, but they have a Plan B.

Councilmember Gregorcyk made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the public sale of approximately \$29,150,000 of principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Gardner, Kansas.

Councilmember Melton Seconded

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the Resolution passed and was assigned Resolution number 2051.

Roberts:	Yes
Winters:	Yes
Baldwin	Yes
Gregorcyk:	Yes
Melton:	Yes

3. Consider adopting an ordinance approving the description and survey of lands necessary for constructing, reconstructing and maintaining of public utility improvements, designated in Resolution No. 1990

Utilities Director Gonz Garcia shared background that in 2017, council approved a backfeed project to connect Circuit 41 to Circuit 42, which is the Fairfield subdivision. The owner of the subdivision wouldn't give the city the easement. At that time, staff requested consent from City Council to initiate the condemnation process. They adopted a resolution in 2018, and now this ordinance provides staff to move forward with the condemnation.

Councilmember Baldwin asked what has transpired since July of 2018? Director Garcia said besides doing the eminent domain on the subdivision, there is property to the south. That is one avenue staff was reviewing. The landowner has not responded that he's willing to give an easement. Due to growth, that backfeed is needed now. Mayor Shute asked how long it will take to get backfeed in? Director Garcia said two to three months. Shute asked if they are ready now with equipment and materials. Garcia confirmed. Shute doesn't like that they have to do this process, but the backfeed is needed. Councilmember Baldwin is baffled at this process because they aren't taking any land, just digging. Shute said they may have had plans for that property on the west side. Baldwin said they can't do anything with it, it butts up to Edgerton. Garcia said they explored that two years ago with an option to go to Edgerton and they wouldn't give the easement.

Councilmember Melton made a motion to adopt an ordinance approving the description and survey of lands necessary for constructing, reconstructing and maintaining of public utility improvements, designated in Resolution No. 1990

Councilmember Baldwin Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the Ordinance passed and was assigned Ordinance number 2655.

Winters:	Yes
Baldwin	Yes
Gregorcyk:	Yes
Melton:	Yes
Roberts:	Yes

4. Consider a resolution establishing a policy relating to property tax abatements for new and existing businesses

Finance Director Matt Wolff said the City's existing Economic Development Incentive Policy, adopted April 2015, and amended February 2016, references property tax abatements but does not contain the specific uniform policies and procedures required under K.S.A. 79-251(a) for constitutional tax abatements. The proposed tax abatement policy supplements the existing Economic Development Incentive Policy by adopting official policies and procedures for the granting of such exemptions. The proposed tax abatement policy outlines conditions and criteria for granting the exemption, the required preparation of an analysis of the costs and benefits of each exemption, and the procedure for monitoring the compliance of a business receiving an exemption.

Mayor Shute asked Director Wolff to provide the difference between constitutional abatements versus an abatement tied to an Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB). Director Wolff said they typically use IRB abatement. The constitutional abatement is more strict on who can use it. If a business qualifies for it, they will prefer it because they won't have to pay the origination fee. The type of business it determines the kind of abatement. Shute asked if it's because of issuance of bonds, that carries a cost? Wolff confirmed. If they can get abatements without paying the 1% origination fee on the principal amount of the IRB, that's preferable to most companies. Shute said not many use constitutional abatements. Bond Counsel Tyler Ellsworth said there are two primary differences. One is that IRBs are broader and can be used for any kind of commercial enterprise. A constitutional abatement has to fit within narrower categories. The other is that with an IRB used to put an abatement in place, they automatically get sales tax exemption, with constitutional abatement the sales tax exemption doesn't automatically apply.

Councilmember Gregorcyk referenced section 1B, adding jobs, is there a goal in mind on number of jobs? Director Wolff said that could be council's decision. Gregorcyk asked if this is for new and existing businesses? Wolff confirmed, if an existing business wants to expand.

Councilmember Gregorcyk made a motion to adopt a resolution establishing a policy relating to property tax abatements for new and existing businesses

Councilmember Melton Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the Resolution passed and was assigned Resolution number 2052.

Baldwin	Yes
Gregorcyk:	Yes
Melton:	Yes
Roberts:	Yes
Winters:	Yes

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5. Consider accepting and authorizing payment for permanent and temporary construction easements for the new raw water main as part of the Hillsdale Expansion Project

Utilities Director Gonz Garcia summarized that as part of the Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant expansion project, a new 24" raw water transmission main is needed. While reviewing the existing raw water transmission main and designing the improvements during the Phase I portion of the contract, it was determined that additional permanent and temporary easements would be required to construct the new raw waterline. Since October 2019, Burns & McDonnell-CAS Constructors have been in negotiations with property owners for easements required for the construction of the raw water transmission line. William Osborn spoke out at a previous meeting. They looked at the alignment and were able to move the transmission line from Mr. Osborn's property to the north and are waiting for final approval from Water 7, because the new line will be between Water 7 and the right-of-way of Miami County. They will approve the final design. Staff and consultants negotiated with 8 property owners. Some have signed the agreements, two are pending with verbal agreements, and one is pending. For Victoria Lovell, it includes a pond consent. During the design, KDHE approved the new location of a retention pond with a condition that the landowners south of the plant agree to it because the pond will be within 100 feet of the property line. They signed the consent, but there was a dollar amount associated with that, included in her settlement.

Mayor Shute said it looked like there are a few more. Director Garcia hopes to bring those next meeting. Shute said they will not have any eminent domain actions. Garcia confirmed, they avoided that approach.

Councilmember Melton made a motion to accept and authorize payment for permanent and temporary construction easements for the new raw water main as part of the Hillsdale Expansion Project

Councilmember Winters Seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

Director Garcia clarified to add the pond consent agreement. Mayor Shute amended the motion to include the pond consent agreement. Councilmember Melton made a motion to include the pond consent agreement. Councilmember Winters seconded.

With all of the Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Director Powell provided an update that permits have slowed in recent weeks, but there is still activity. Staff are taking applications electronically that they set up. It's working well for developers, but general citizens are having difficulty accessing it for things like fences and decks. Powell said they are fully staffed and recommends residents call in with questions or assistance. The city is still doing business, can email or call during normal business hours. Many departments are functioning the same way. Price Chopper moving forward, but has slowed because of social distancing for construction crews. Staff are still doing inspections at a normal level. They are seeing new house permits coming in. Staff are experiencing a slowdown in inter-office materials going around with people working from home, but staff is working on it. Councilmember Gregorcyk said those residents doing home improvement, can staff put something on social media about the online process? Powell said he is working with the Communications Manager on that. With regard to home improvements, he has heard many stores are selling out of paint. Councilmember Melton asked if someone is replacing some deck boards, but not replacing the whole deck, do they need a permit? Powell said if they are doing maintenance or repair on less than half, then no, but if they are reskinning the whole deck, it's best to call the office and make sure it's up to code.

Director Bruce said staff is working remotely. One task is training on the new software program, which is still on schedule for June. Staff is looking at contingency planning for programs, consulting with other agencies, putting plans in place for when they can resume programming. Parks maintenance continue to work on parks. They ask the public to stay off playgrounds. Mayor Shute said he received an email about Gardner Golf Course, forwarded

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it to Director Bruce and Administrator Pruetting. People are asking why the golf course is still running. Bruce said communication with county and other agencies, several metro golf courses are putting in place physical distancing measure to keep courses open for play. Gardner Golf Course has raised cups, limited single players for carts, sanitizing carts before and after each use, not serving food and beverage inside. Shute said private courses are shutting down, but public courses are staying open and he wanted to everyone to know what was addressed.

Mayor Shute asked Director Wolff for an update on revenues. Wolff said they are expecting a decrease in revenues like transient guest tax and sales tax, those run about two months behind so they haven't seen numbers yet. They are hearing ranges of 10-25% decreases, and staff is working with the City Administrator to take budgetary steps to prepare. Shute said their goal during this is to keep within the 20-25% fund balance. Wolff confirmed they want to keep it at 25%. He noted the transient guest tax will be hit the hardest, up to 60% decrease in revenues. Shute said the support they provide to the SWJCEDC and Chamber will be reevaluated. Administrator Pruetting said the county and large cities are taking drastic measure to account for the decrease. Gardner is not as exposed to the sales tax decreases as other cities. Gardner's drivers like Walmart and Price Chopper are doing well. The county contribution they get will take a hit, including the courthouse tax for the Justice Center. Staff has taken steps to freeze hiring, freeze discretionary and non-essential spending. Pruetting asked directors to cut 10% from their budgets for the remainder of the year. If it continues, they will look at options through the recent federal acts. They are staying aggressive and proactive. Shute said they don't want to be in a situation like 2011 when they had to take drastic cuts across the organization. He appreciates the work they are doing. Wolff continued, sharing that they had a kick-off meeting with the Price Chopper developer for the CID bond issue. The developer will introduce their finance team at the April 20th meeting.

City Attorney Denk is glad to be back from quarantine. He's been keeping everyone informed of emergency orders, federal acts that have recently been passed. He is available for questions.

City Administrator Pruetting said things are going well operationally. They are three weeks into remote work. Staff availability and directors work to ensure productivity has gone exceptionally well. The city is running as normal as possible. He commended the directors for that. Regarding essential/non-essential businesses, the city's hands are tied in identifying who is essential. The state order superseded the one the county was working on. Businesses can apply to the state or call and ask for determination of whether they are essential. Police Chief Belcher had a meeting about enforcement. Many businesses have voluntarily closed, but a few are refusing. There is no enforcement mechanism and no support from the prosecutor to enforce the order as currently written. They are waiting to determine how those businesses that won't cooperate will be handled at the county or state level with regard to charging people or going to court. It's difficult to justify some businesses that have been deemed essential, some are struggling with that, and he hopes they'll have it resolved soon. Mayor Shute asked about staff morale. Pruetting said morale is good. It may be difficult getting staff to come back. Communication between Pruetting and the directors, and then directors and their staff, has been excellent. They are using MS Teams for internal communication and Zoom for other communications. Interpretation of the language of the federal acts changes quickly. Denk said the Dept. of Labor completely reversed its original interpretation of an act in 5 days. Shute thanked Pruetting for keeping the operations of the city moving; he appreciates Pruetting's leadership and leadership of the directors. Pruetting and Shute commended a great staff.

Councilmember Roberts thanked the person responsible for the sidewalk post today. She's had a couple of complaints and was going to bring it up, but it's out now. More people are out on the sidewalks and it's a good reminder. She also thanked staff for the clarification on the electric holiday and how people can process their payment.

Councilmember Gregorcyk asked if the city still has a drop box for payments. Is anyone receiving payments? Pruetting said people can't come in to City Hall to pay. Director Wolff said utility billing is staffed, public can't come in, but drop boxes are checked daily and residents can pay online or over the phone. Gregorcyk thanked Officer Davidson for stopping at his house around 10pm to tell him that his garage door was left open. That was great community outreach. He appreciated the stop.

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Councilmember Melton asked Director Bruce what he has heard about the pool? With the chlorine, is that a Covid safe area? Director Bruce does not know. He was on a conference call with 68 other cities last week, and all were wondering about the status of pool openings. They are waiting to see what happens with the statewide order. Pruetting said it was a topic on the managers call, and they are going to pick a firm date when it's no longer feasible to spend the money to treat and open pools. RG Fiber has begun cleaning up after their project in the right-of-way. Before they issue bond money back, he wants staff to make sure restorations have been made throughout the city, but he was glad to see them back.

Councilmember Winters said he has been asked to bring up the city-wide clean up. Is that still happening? Wolff staff are discussing, as they mentioned the 10% cut to the general fund. The cost of that program has significantly gone over budget in the past. Shute said they got twice as much picked up last year than what was expected. Winters asked what the cost was last year; Wolff doesn't remember the exact dollar amount, but it exceeded budget and is anticipated to be more expensive this year. Wolff said as these programs get more expensive, other cities have been getting more selective. They may limit the amount of items or type of items, and those are considerations for council. Winters suggested a \$5 permit fee to help off-set. Councilmember Baldwin said Olathe doesn't do a one-time pick up, but residents can call the city and have them scheduled. They charge \$25 and it's whatever can fit in a front-end loader bucket. Councilmember Gregorcyk suggested a bag program, with the large construction-type bags. Waste Management has a similar program.

Mayor Shute can't say enough about the job city staff is doing. He has had no complaints about service quality or availability of staff, despite being closed for almost 3 weeks. Staff, directors and the administrator are keeping a steady hand. Shute addressed the public, saying it's a tough time currently. Nationally, they are expecting a peak in Covid-19 deaths in the coming weeks. He strongly recommends following the CDC guidelines to slow the spread. Engage in social distancing, wear face cover when out in public, wash hands frequently, use sanitizer. Shute asks that people pray for first responders and health care professionals who are putting their health on the line every day to fight the disease. If someone doesn't believe in prayer, please send up positive thoughts for them. Keep vigilant, and everyone will get through this sooner rather later.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Melton and seconded by Councilmember Baldwin the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

City Clerk